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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE DATED MONTREAL
ENTITLED "AIR CANADA TO CUT FLIGHTS IN MANY AREAS"
PUBLISHED BY TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL SEPT 5:

BEGIN TEXT. BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY, AIR CANADA WILL REDUCE
CERTAIN DOMESTIC, TRANS-BORDER AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS
"IN RESPONSE TO WEAKENED PASSENGER TRAFFIC."

THE CARRIER SAID ABOUT 96 FLIGHTS A WEEK WILL BE
WITHDRAWN FROM ITS OPERATING SCHEDULE "OR LESS THAN
THREE PERCENT OF THE 4,000 FLIGHTS OPERATED WEEKLY."

ON CANADIAN SERVICES, THE AIRLINE WILL CANCEL ONE
DAILY FLIGHT LINKING MONTREAL, TORONTO AND VANCOUVER,
ONE NON-STOP DAILY FLIGHT BETWEEN VANCOUVER AND REGINA,
ONE NON-STOP FLIGHT BETWEEN LONDON, ONTARIO, AND WINNIPEG
AND ONE DAILY FLIGHT BETWEEN TORONTO AND HALIFAX. IN
ADDITION, THE CARRIER'S CURRENT JUMBO JET SERVICE
LINKING MONTREAL AND CALGARY WILL BE CHANGED TO A
DC-8 SERVICE.

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IT IS CANCELLING ONE OF TWO DAILY FLIGHTS BETWEEN

EDMONTON, CALGARY AND SAN FRANCISCO, MONDAY TO THURSDAY
SERVICE BETWEEN QUEBEC CITY AND NEW YORK, ONE OF TWO
MONDAY AND TUESDAY FLIGHTS BETWEEN TORONTO, MONTREAL
AND LOS ANGELES AND ONE OF TWO TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
FLIGHTS FROM LOS ANGELES TO TORONTO AND MONTREAL.

ON INTERNATIONAL SERVICE THE AIRLINE IS REDUCING
ITS ATLANTIC FREQUENCY BY ONE WEEKLY RETURN FLIGHT
FROM TORONTO TO BRUSSELS AND COPENHAGEN, ITS TUESDAY
SERVICE FROM MONTREAL AND TORONTO TO BARBADOS AND
PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, AND ITS WEEKEND SERVICE BE-
TWEEN MONTREAL, TORONTO AND BARBADOS. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: AIR CANADA'S PROJECTED INCREASED DEFICIT
IS UNDOUBTEDLY A FACTOR IN INCLUDING THESE SERVICE
REDUCTIONS. A SIMILAR ACTION WAS ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR.
MONTREAL GAZETTE FRONTPAGE ARTICLE INSPIRED BY SAME
ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTS ALSO THAT AS A RESULT OF DECLIN-
ING TRAFFIC GROWTH AIR CANADA WILL IDLE TEMPORARLY
SOME 12 OF ITS 122 AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING THREE NEW
BOEING 727'S, UNLESS THEY CAN BE USED FOR UNEXPECTED
EXTRA SECTIONS OR CHARTERS. JOHNSON

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